

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005. An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time to Respond is submitted herewith, together with the appropriate fee.

Claims 5,10, 11, 13-19, 22, 23, 29, 32, 40-46, 49-51, 57,58 and 60 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 10-11, 13-19, 22-23, 29, 32, 40-46, 49-51, and 57-58 have been allowed. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 29 and objected to claim 60. The present Response cancels claim 29 and amends claim 60, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 10, 11, 13-19, 22, 23, 32, 40-46, 49-51, 57, 58 and 60. Reconsideration of the claim objection is requested.

I. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 10

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 60, writing "the term 'according to Claim 59' should be changed to -according to Claim 58—because Claim 59 has been cancelled." Applicant has amended claim as suggested by the Examiner. Removal of the objection is requested.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(B) OVER *KOYANAGI* (U.S. PAT. NO. 5,471,064)

Claim 29

The Examiner rejected claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Koyanagi*. In the interest of furthering prosecution. The Applicant requests cancellation of claim 29.

III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 10, 11, 13-19, 22, 23, 32, 33, 40-46, 49-51, 57, and 58

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 10, 11, 13-19, 22, 23, 32, 33, 40-46, 49-51, 57 and 58 are allowed.


IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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